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In Re the Application of:

LOVELL et al.

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For: "HIGH CAPACITY REGENERABLE
SORBENT FOR REMOVAL OF
ARSENIC AND OTHER TOXIC IONS
FROM DRINKING WATER"

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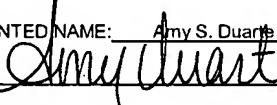
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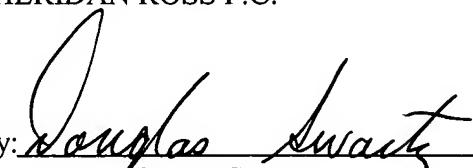
Dear Sir:

In an Office Action dated December 20, 2004 (Paper No. 20041216), the Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement with regard to the above-identified patent application. Generally, the Examiner indicated that Group I (Claims 1-13 and 26-38); Group II (Claims 14-24); Group III (Claim 25); and Group IV (Claims 39-50) were distinct inventions. Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group I (Claims 1-13 and 27-38) in this patent application. Applicants believe Claim 26 was erroneously placed in Group I and should be prosecuted with Group II.

Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue Group II (Claims 14-24, 26); Group III (Claim 25); and Group IV (Claims 39-50) in subsequent divisional/continuation applications.

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